

Peace Road 2015 in France

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FFWPU France: We hold the event on July 19 in Paris. As it was launched at Zero Point, which is the starting point of Paris and is also a symbol of the centralization of France centered upon its capital. Mr. Jean-François Moulinet, president of the Unification Movement in France, invited everyone to meditate on the best way to contribute to peace, on the individual and family levels and on to higher levels. He asked us all to think about our nation's past, its history, and the present and the future.

During our march, as we crossed the Pont-Neuf, we encountered two of the contrasting aspects of the history of our nation: It is the place where Jacques de Molay, the last grand master of the Knights Templar, was executed, burnt at the stake, in March of 1314. We also saw a statue in honor of Henri IV, who signed the Edict of Nantes (1598) ending 20 years of religious war in France.

During the march, several stops allowed moments of sharing and reflection:

On the banks of the Seine, Mrs. Brigitte Wada, president of the Women's Federation for World Peace, mentioned the important role of women and families in the establishment of true peace, and the "1% Love Sharing" project initiated by the Women's Federation of Korea in 2001 which has the goal of contributing to the reunification of the two Koreas. To conclude, she quoted Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, the founder of the WFWP, "History is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today's problems cannot be solved by the logic of power.... Our present problems can only be solved by the logic of love."

Then, after continuing our march a certain distance, Mr. Jacques Marion, secretary-general of UPF-Europe, brought up several important international projects: The International Highway Project, The project of a bridge or tunnel at the Bering Strait to connect the United States and Russia, The reunification of the two Koreas and the creation of a Peace Park at the 38th parallel.

Finally, Mr. Alexandre Huard, director of UPF-Youth in France, shared the point of view of the youth on the subject of peace.

The march finished on the Champ de Mars, near the Eiffel Tower, at site where the Reverend Moon established a Holy Ground and prayed on August 10, 1965, 50 years ago, during his first world tour.

Jean-François Moulinet offered a closing prayer with his wife and after the prayer all the participants joined together to sing 'Uriui Sowon' (the song of unity) and signed the banner. Mr. Jacques Marion then guided everyone in four cheer of "Og Mansei" and a final picture was taken on the Champ-de-Mars with the Eiffel Tower in the background.

